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Examiner: Gerald R. Ewoldt

In re application of:
Elizabeth Esther Mary Bates *et al.*

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ISOLATED MAMMALIAN
DENDRITIC CELL GENES;
RELATED REAGENTS

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Kenilworth, NJ 07033
April 3, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003 in the above-referenced application, having a shortened statutory period set to expire March 28, 2003, and an extended statutory period set to expire April 26, 2003. Accordingly, applicants enclose a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time of response by one month, together with provision for payment of the required fee.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of eleven inventions, designated I - XI. In addition, the Examiner has required applicants to elect a specific sequence and list all claims readable thereon if applicants elect any of inventions I - IX.

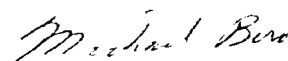
Applicants elect the claims of Group VIII, claims 11-18, directed to a polynucleotide encoding A07C03. In addition, because applicants have elected the claims of group VIII, claims 11-18, applicants further elect the sequence designated by SEQ ID NO: 8. Claims 11-18 read on SEQ ID NO: 8.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications to the presently non-elected subject matter.

CONCLUSION

If the undersigned can be of assistance to the Examiner in addressing issues to advance the application to allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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